

Remarks

Claims 1-3 are now in this application. Claims 1-3 have been amended.

The office action stated acknowledgment was made of applicants' claim for foreign priority based upon an application filed in the United Kingdom on June 6, 2000. However, applicants failed to provide a certified copy was not provided. In response thereto, applicants have included a certified copy of the foreign application.

The title of the invention was alleged to not be descriptive. Applicants have amended the title accordingly.

Figures 1 and 2 have been amended to include the legend --Prior Art--. The corrected drawings are included herein and appropriately labeled "Replacement Sheet."

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because it was alleged that they failed to show every feature of the invention specified in claim 2. Fig. 3 has been amended to include the features of claim 2. No new matter has been added.

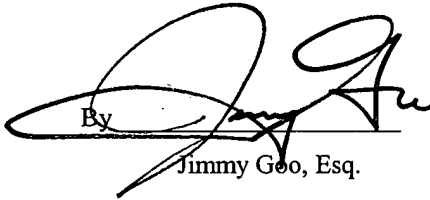
Claims 2 and 3 were objected to because of informalities. Specifically, it was alleged that they should begin with "The" instead of "A". Claims 2 and 3 has been amended accordingly.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, it was alleged that the terms "P" and "N" were not clearly defined by the claim. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that "P" and "N" are integers "greater than one".

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Based upon the foregoing reasons, applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

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Attachments

3 Sheets of Drawings  
Certified copy of foreign application

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Amendments to the Drawings:

Figures 1, 2 and 3 have been amended and three replacement sheets are attached.

Attachment: 3 Replacement Sheets